

MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

April 20, 2009

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on April 20, 2009 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioner Lynn Greer, A.J. Starling, Patricia Heim, Eddie Bryan and Steve Abernathy were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Ray Barrett, Joan Nixon, Patricia Novotny, Lionel Barrett, Betty Gilbert, Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law and special guest Kathleen Starness, Chairman of the Davidson County Republican party.

Chairman Eddie Bryan convened the meeting.

Approve the April 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Greer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Starling seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Election of Chairman. Chairman Bryan opened floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Heim nominated Commissioner Lynn Greer for Chairman for the next two years, Commissioner Starling seconded the nomination, with no other nominations Commissioner Greer was elected Chairman by acclamation. Newly elected Chairman Greer thanked everyone for his election and asked for their support over the next two years.

Election for Secretary. Chairman Greer opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Starling nominated Commissioner Eddie Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, with no further nominations, Commissioner Bryan was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Chairman Greer called on AOE Barrett for report.

AOE Barrett reported on the qualifying deadline for the Lakewood city commission election – April 16th and election day July 7, 2009. AOE Barrett reported on the number of voter registrations from high schools – 343 public and 72 private. AOE Barrett reported on purging activities for Davidson County, these are people that have been on the Inactive Voter list and have not voted or had any contact with the DCEC over the past two Federal elections. There will be 20,086 active moved to inactive – total registered voters 380,000. AOE Barrett reported they now have a statewide data base to help with purging and with people that move from county to county. Commissioner Bryan asked if you own property in another county can you vote in that county. AOE Barrett answered yes, but only in city elections. Commissioner Starling asked what happens to a person that just registered, but they did not vote. Answer - these people are still active and after two years they will become inactive.

No Old Business.

New Business. Commissioner Starling reported that he and Commissioner Steve Abernathy will unlock provisional boxes on Thursday, April 30th at Eakin School, and will also unlock the absentee boxes and count ballots that same day at 2 p.m.

Commissioner Bryan asked what the total cost of the last election was. Patricia Novotny responded that they were given \$277,900 and the actual cost was 269,000.

Chairman Greer stated we would certify April 30th's election on Monday, May 4th at 10 a.m.

Patricia Novotny reported the Mayor's Budget Hearing will be held Thursday, May 28th at 4:45 p.m. in the council chambers.

Chairman Greer introduced guest Kathleen Starnes, Chairman of the Davidson County Republican Party.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

Patricia Heim, Member

A. J. Starling, Member

Eddie Bryan, Secretary

Steven Abernathy, Member